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SCHAKOWSKY JOINS ADVOCATES TO LAUNCH CHANGE AMERICA NOW CAMPAIGN

EFFORT TO FOCUS ON PASSING 100 HOUR AGENDA IN THE 110TH CONGRESS

CHICAGO, IL-On Wednesday, December 20 at 10 AM at the Hotel Allegro, U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, a Chief Deputy Democratic Whip, joined Citizen Action/Illinois, AFSCME Council 31, the IL chapter of the Sierra Club, SEIU Illinois Council, and the Illinois Alliance for Retired Americans as the groups launched a new campaign in Illinois called Change America Now (CAN). CAN is a national effort being mounted by nearly 40 organizations in 31 states to pass through Congress the economic elements of the '100 Hour Agenda' as outlined by incoming House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA). The following elements, which comprise the CAN 100 Hour Agenda, are to be voted on during the first 100 legislative hours of the 110th Congress in early January:□

Increasing The Minimum Wage

Repealing Tax Breaks for Big Oil and Investing in Alternative Energy

Eliminating the Prohibition on Medicare Negotiating with Drug Companies for Lower Prices

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